

METHOD OF PREPARING A MICROPOROUS FILM, AND
IMAGE ACCEPTING MEMBER

Abstract of the Disclosure

5 A method for manufacturing a microporous film comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a first polymer which is a hydrophobic thermoplastic polymer and a second polymer which is a hydrophilic polymer or copolymer of N-vinylpyrrolidone;

10 (b) dissolving said first and second polymers in a solvent system which is compatible with both polymers, said solvent system comprising a blend of an aprotic organic solvent and an alcohol;

(c) coating the resulting solution on a support;

(d) effecting at least a partial drying of the resulting coating; and

15 (e) washing the coating in an aqueous medium so as to extract at least 50% by weight of the said second polymer.

Image accepting members comprising a microporous film made by the above method, and preferably comprising a support which is also microporous.

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